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Former Chief of Naval Personnel Appointed NPS President

Tuesday, February 20, 2007

Secretary of the Navy Donald C. Winter has appointed retired Vice Adm. Daniel Oliver as the first permanent civilian president of NPS. His five-year term as NPS president will begin on April 1, 2007.

Oliver, a former chief of naval personnel, will succeed Dr. Leonard Ferrari who has served as interim president since January. Winter appointed Ferrari to be the university's 12th provost in October 2006 and later named him the interim president, the first civilian to hold this post.

Oliver retired from active duty in February 2000 following 33 years of naval service. In his early career, he piloted P-3 maritime patrol aircraft and completed eight operational deployments around the world during the Cold War. He commanded Patrol Squadron Sixteen and Patrol Wing Two.

As a flag officer, he was commander, Fleet Air Forces Mediterranean, and commander of coalition air operations during the United Nations' embargo of the former Republic of Yugoslavia.

While serving on the personal staffs of two chiefs of naval operations, Oliver supervised the mobilization of naval reservists called to active duty during Operation Desert Storm. He was also director of three key Navy divisions -- assessment, fleet liaison and the programming divisions -- during sequential assignments.

He became the chief of naval personnel and deputy chief of naval operations for manpower and personnel in 1996. In that position, he developed and instituted personnel policies that guided the Navy through a transition from post-Cold War drawdown to a steady-state force.

Oliver earned bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Virginia. He was a White House Fellow from 1982-1983 and is a graduate of the Harvard Business School advanced management program. He is currently executive vice president for Apogen Technologies in McLean, Va.



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